



Rotary Matters

Rotary Club of Newcastle

August 2009

GORDON A DEMPSEY
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DISTRICT 7810
2009 - 2010



General Information

Married for 41 years, to spouse Patricia. Two grown children, Shawn, of Edmonton, Alberta and Sharlene who resides in Victoria, BC. Grandsons Drew and Gabriel.

Formal post secondary education
Royal Roads Military College, Victoria, BC.

Spent 6 years in Europe while serving in the CAF, Canadian Armed Forces.

Retired Commissioned CAF Officer, Air Navigator, Oct 1980.

Contracted by Mutual Life Assurance Company in Oct 1980.

Eight years as a Financial Advisor and Twenty years as Branch/
Financial Center Manager

Retired from Clarica, originally Mutual Life, in Feb 2003

Spent year and a half in the automotive industry, as Sales Manager

Re contracted by Clarica in Aug 2004 as Sales Manager

Retiring in 2009

Loves automobiles, motorcycles, photography, snow boarding and golf.

Over the past number of years he has increasingly become more involved with Rotary. The more engaged he became the more excitement and committed he has found himself. Fortunately his career has given him the luxury of being able to manage his time, and as a result, it has given him the time to discover the wonderful world of Rotary.

As Assistant Governor / District Governor Nominee / District Governor Elect, he has seen the clubs that he was responsible for grow and develop. He feels that he has been some part of this, if only to provide guidance and support when needed. He sees the most enjoyable part of being a leader as the feeling you get seeing those who you work with do well!

He is excited about the support both his home club and the district has shown him as Assistant Governor, District Governor Nominee and District Governor Elect. He is very much looking forward to his year as District Governor.

Rotary International 2010 Annual Convention Montreal ~ June 20 - 23

Club members who are interested, or are considering attending next year's convention should **contact Pat Perry** as early as possible in order to help the District with it's planning efforts. The District has been in contact with VIA Rail in terms of booking travel for members of the District as well as our neighbouring District in Nova Scotia. The deadline for group housing (groups of 15 or more) is August 31, 2009.

There are also opportunities to volunteer for the 2010 International Convention. You can register at www.hocvolunteers.com

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Members contributed 2008/2009: 21

Total Club contributions 2008/2009: \$4302.42

2009/2010 Goal - \$3600

Need a reminder, click on the Contribute tab on the Rotary International site www.rotary.org and then on the Every Rotarian Every Year link and register for the newsletter.

President's Message

Hello everybody,

I am very proud to be a member of the Rotary Club of Newcastle Inc. I think that we have a dynamic group that works well together & gets along fantastic.

I count on each & every one of you to make this club an even bigger success than it already is.

This is your club; this will be an exciting year with new projects & renewed energy for our existing endeavours.

Thank you to everyone who already signed up for committee work and for those of you who haven't yet, don't be so shy.

Thank you for having me as 2009-10 Club President,

Michel Lafrance

From the Rotary International web site:

What are the responsibilities of membership?

Members are expected to attend weekly club meetings. They must pay annual dues to their clubs, their Rotary district, and Rotary International, and they're expected to participate in local or international Rotary club activities or projects. Clubs encourage members to aspire to club leadership or committee roles.

What are the attendance requirements?

An attendance record of 50 percent is required to remain an active Rotarian. Any missed meeting must be made up within 14 days before or after the regular meeting. To accommodate busy schedules, there are various opportunities to make up [missed meetings](#).

August is "Membership and Extension Month" for Rotary.

The new online version of [Rotary Basics](#) (series of very short videos you can view on-line) is an indispensable tool for introducing new and prospective club members to the fundamentals of Rotary, providing knowledge that will make them better informed and proud to be a Rotarian.



July Birthday ~ Francis Malley

**July Anniversaries
Greg MacDiarmid, Mike Mersereau,
Robert Wallace**

**August Birthdays
Brian Jones & Mike Mersereau**

**August Anniversaries
Gary Foley, Jack Christie,
Linda Hudson, Rick Lloyd**

